

E. Bates,<sup>28</sup> Missouri, War.

Wm. A. Graham, Navy.

John J. Crittenden, Attorney Gen'l.

N. K. Hall,<sup>29</sup> New York, Post Master Gen'l.

Just sent in to the Senate.

*From Augustine H. Shepperd.*

A.

House of Reps.,

July 22nd, 1850.

Your early arrival here is very much desired. Should any thing detain you let me known by telegraph. I congratulate you most sincerely upon the universal approval of your appointment. Some things I wish to say to you when I have the honor & pleasure of seeing you here.

I have written to Raleigh also, thinking you might be found there.

*From Augustine H. Shepperd.*

A.

House of Reps.,

July 22, 1850.

I was not a little gratified to learn through our friend Major Hinton your willingness to accept a place in the Cabinet, some other than that assigned might have been more desirable, yet I hope you will find no special objection to it, indeed there are some considerations that would I hope make it decidedly acceptable.

I take great pride and pleasure in assuring you of the universal satisfaction with which your appointment has been received. My Colleagues have united with me—*some of them*, however, *looking to your locality in our State took early steps to honor my own modest District.* Well enough—I write in strick confidence.

<sup>28</sup> Edward Bates (1793-1869), of Missouri, a native of Virginia. He was a soldier in the War of 1812, was a member of the constitutional convention of 1820, and a member of congress, 1827-1829. He declined this appointment. He was attorney general in Lincoln's cabinet.

<sup>29</sup> Nathan Kelsey Hall (1810-1874), of New York, who had been a law student with Fillmore, and had been a state legislator, judge, a Whig member of congress, 1847-1849. He was a Federal district judge, 1852-1874. He and Graham became attached friends.